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Leader. Motivator. Workforce Development Professional. REBOOT Strategist.

Bio

Toni is a transformational leader with an extensive background in workforce development, program management, public service, and capacity building in the nonprofit space. In addition, Toni is also a seasoned marketing and communications professional and workshop facilitator with experience in public relations/communications management, motivational speaking, youth-oriented presentations and leadership development presentations.

As the Managing Director of Per Scholas Columbus, Toni is directly responsible for the performance of the Columbus area national site. In this role she directly oversees staff and programming, as well as serves as the executive leadership “face” of Per Scholas for Columbus, whose mission is *“opening doors to technology careers for individuals from often overlooked communities”*.

Toni was recently honored with a BizTech Executive of the Year award presented by Columbus Business First. In addition, she is featured as a “Woman WELDing the Way” in the 2020 Calendar presented by the Women in Economic and Leadership Development (WELD).

In 2018 she was honored with a Smart 50 Award presented by Hylant and Smart Business Magazine. The award recognizes the top executives of the smartest 50 companies in the region for their ability to effectively build and lead savvy organizations. Under her leadership, Per Scholas has been named as one of The Columbus Foundation’s Top 5 Nonprofits to Watch in 2018, as well as receiving the 2016 BizTech award for Nonprofit Service.

Prior to joining Per Scholas, Toni served as the Vice President & Chief of Program Performance and Innovation at the Columbus Urban League (CUL), where she was responsible for the management of service delivery of programs in the areas of housing, financial capabilities, workforce development, youth and education services, fatherhood, and re-entry.

In addition, Toni is also the Founder and Principal of Image Anu, LLC, a boutique firm specializing in personal and professional development and organizational improvement.

A life-long resident of Columbus, Toni earned a degree in Business Administration from Ohio Dominican University, and a Master’s degree in Marketing and Communications from Franklin University. Toni is also a proud alumnus of both the African American Leadership Academy and, most recently, the American Express Leadership Academy.